

OPINION 1934

Paruroctonus Werner, 1934 (Arachnida, Scorpiones): conserved

Keywords. Nomenclature; taxonomy; Arachnida; Scorpiones; VAEJOVIDAE; *Paruroctonus*; Arizona; New Mexico; Mexico.

Ruling

- (1) Under the plenary powers the name *Hoffmanniellius* Mello-Leitão, 1934 is hereby suppressed for the purposes of the Principle of Priority but not for those of the Principle of Homonymy.
- (2) The name *Paruroctonus* Werner, 1934 (gender: masculine), type species by monotypy of the replaced nominal genus *Uroctonoides* Hoffmann, 1931, *Uroctonoides gracilior* Hoffmann, 1931, is hereby placed on the Official List of Generic Names in Zoology.
- (3) The name *gracilior* Hoffmann, 1931, as published in the binomen *Uroctonoides gracilior* and as defined by the lectotype designated by Gertsch & Soleglad (1966) (specific name of the type species of *Paruroctonus* Werner, 1934), is hereby placed on the Official List of Specific Names in Zoology.
- (4) The name *Hoffmanniellius* Mello-Leitão, 1934 is hereby placed on the Official Index of Rejected and Invalid Generic Names in Zoology, as suppressed in (1) above.

History of Case 3031

An application for the conservation of *Paruroctonus* Werner, 1934 was received from Dr W. David Sissom (*West Texas A & M University, Canyon, Texas, U.S.A.*), Dr Victor Fet (*Marshall University, Huntington, West Virginia, U.S.A.*) and Dr Matt E. Braunwalder (*Zürich, Switzerland*) on 30 September 1996. After correspondence the case was published in BZN 55: 17–19 (March 1998). Notice of the case was sent to appropriate journals.

Decision of the Commission

On 1 December 1998 the members of the Commission were invited to vote on the proposals published in BZN 55: 18–19. At the close of the voting period on 1 March 1999 the votes were as follows:

Affirmative votes — 23: Bock, Bouchet, Brothers, Cocks, Eschmeyer, Heppell, Kabata, Kerzhner, Kraus, Lehtinen, Macpherson, Mahnert, Martins de Souza, Mawatari, Minelli, Nielsen, Nye, Papp, Patterson, Savage, Schuster, Song, Štys

Negative votes — none.

No votes were received from Cogger and Dupuis.

Ride was on leave of absence.

Original references

The following are the original references to the names placed on Official Lists and an Official Index by the ruling given in the present Opinion:

gracilior, *Uroctonoides*, Hoffmann, 1931, *Anales del Instituto de Biología, Universidad Nacional Autónoma de México*, 2(4): 406.

- Hoffmanniellus* Mello-Leitão, 1934, *Annaes da Academia Brasileira de Ciencias*, 6(2): 80.
Paruroctonus Werner, 1934, Scorpiones. In: H.G. Bronn's *Klassen und Ordnungen des Tierreichs*, Band 5 (Arthropoda), Abt. 4 (Arachnoidea), Buch 8 (Scorpiones, Pedipalpi), Lieferung 1-2, p. 283.

The following is the reference for the designation of the lectotype of *Uroctonoides gracilior* Hoffmann, 1931:

- Gertsch, W.J. & Soleglad, M.E. 1966. *American Museum Novitates*, 2278: 29.